

MARKS.
JURY CASES
Will be Taken Up in Circuit Court.
JURORS REPORTED TO-DAY

And Will Serve for Two Weeks--Motions Entered on Court Dockets This Forenoon--Adjourned Till Afternoon.

The circuit court convened this morning at 9 o'clock and after hearing motions in a number of cases Judge Vail adjourned court till 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at which time the new jurors reported for duty. The cases which require a jury will now be taken up. The following are the names of the men who reported today and from among whom the jurors for the next two weeks will be selected:

Decatur--W. T. Grout, George M. Lytle, William Lytle, R. W. Chilson, Ed Kellington, P. S. Leonard, George White, Thomas Waxenberger, D. E. Baldwin, A. J. Horne, Thomas Hamilton, W. F. Dennis, D. A. Strader.
Marion--Charles O'Banion, C. M. Warner, C. L. Jones.
Austin--Lewis Rogers.
Hickory Point--S. J. Hanks.
Blue Mound--Mike Staab.
Harristown--H. B. McGregor, Cyrus Gossett.
Illini--F. H. Mcneely, H. E. Roberts, S. T. Shinneman.
Friends Creek--Harry Kerr, Henry Haub, C. E. Painter.
Niantic--John Mooney, Frank Kretzer, Horace Pritchett.
Long Creek--John McDonald.
Pleasant View--F. Sanders.
Milam--William Shaddock, F. Rouch.
South Macon--John Cowger, Otto Hill.
The entries on the court dockets today were as follows:

CHANCERY CASES.
Charles J. Freeman vs. Edward W. White et al; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred for computation.
James P. Bean vs. Mary Bean; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
Lucy M. Smith vs. James W. Smith; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
Richard J. Ellis vs. Mary E. Ellis et al; partition. Proof of publication made.
Stella H. Alexander vs. Arthur H. Alexander; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
Hiram Johnson et al vs. William Henry Fincher et al; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred for proof and conclusion.
George Nebinger vs. Alfred F. Drow et al; foreclosure. Dismissed by complaint without prejudice at his costs.
Harriet B. Moore vs. Silas F. Moore; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
Pearl Dodwell vs. Oliver Dodwell; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
People's Saving and Loan Association vs. Thomas Lunn et al; foreclosure. Leave to Thomas Lunn to answer and referred.

Prohibition Convention.
The Macon county prohibition convention will be held at the W. C. T. U. hall in this city on Thursday of this week beginning at 10:30 a. m. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening. At the afternoon session Rev. O. W. Stewart will deliver an address on "The Future of the Prohibition Party." Rev. Stewart is chairman of the state prohibition committee and is an entertaining speaker. The Menoley Trio, composed of Miss Jennie Menoley, soprano, Miss Elma B. Smith, alto and impersonator and C. W. Menoley, baritone, will be present at each of the sessions and render a program. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged at the evening session. The work of the convention is to elect delegates to the state convention which meets at Peoria in June, to reorganize the county committee and other important work. All temperance people and especially the prohibitionists and the general public are invited to attend this meeting.

Excursion to Champaign.
The Illinois Central road on account of the inter-archaeological contest at Champaign will offer a rate of one fare for the round trip from May 17 to 30 inclusive, tickets good returning until May 31--14-95



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TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1898.

NUMBER FORTY.

AWFUL DEATH IN CARDENAS BAY

American Crew Reported to Have Been Blown Up By a Spanish Torpedo.

A Mysterious Case--Commanders of American Fleets Given Orders to Use Their Discretion--No Naval Fight Yet--Gladstone Dying--Troops To Pass Through Decatur This Evening.

BLOWN UP IN THE BAY.

Now Go After Cabanas Forts and Harbor and Give It to 'Em Good.

NEW YORK, May 17.--An unconfirmed dispatch from Havana, printed here, is to the effect that an American vessel, engaged in removing torpedoes at Cabanas was blown up and the entire crew perished. Nothing is known at Key West of any such disaster.

CONFUSION.

MADRID, May 17.--A despatch from Havana says: A small naval boat was blown up off Cardenas, resulting in the loss of seventeen lives. Nationality not stated.

MADRID, May 17.--(Second dispatch from Havana)--A small naval boat, having a crew of seventeen men, was blown up off Cardenas while engaged in removing torpedoes from the harbor. The torpedo exploded through the negligence of those engaged in the work and all of the crew perished. The dispatch does not indicate whether the boat was an American or a Spanish craft.

WAITING TO CRUSH THE OREGON.

NEW YORK, May 17.--The World's copyright message from Santa Lucia, West Indies says: A large warship was sighted last night lying off the west coasts. Others were also seen to the northward. They are believed to be the Spanish squadron watching for the battleship Oregon.

EARLY DEATH OF GLADSTONE EXPECTED.

HAWARDEN, May 17.--5 p. m.--An official bulletin just issued says: Gladstone has taken a serious turn for the worse. Death may be expected in twenty-four hours. The physicians said: "The end is near." "Mr. Gladstone has taken but little nourishment. He breathes heavily for a few minutes, then his breathing is hardly perceptible, Mrs. Gladstone and other members of the family do not leave the room more than a few minutes at a time."

SPANISH SCOUTS AT NIGHT

Hide and Seek Game Still Goes On Near Windward Passage.

CAPE HAITIEN, HAITI, May 17.--(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.)--Two Spanish cruisers or gunboats are making their base of operations at Badiquier, Guantamano Bay. They are known to be moving every night in the waters between Hayti and Cuba. The Spaniards are supposed to hide in the Cuban ports during the day and go out cruising at night.

GUNS WILL BOOM THIS WEEK

Commanders of the American Fleets Will Now Use Their Discretion.

WASHINGTON, May 17.--There will be war news plenty from the West Indian waters this week. The fighting squadron is loose with instructions to go after the Spanish fleet and attack wherever it can find it. Commodore Watson has been given orders for the blockading squadron which Admiral Sampson craved when he started for Havana. All along the blockading line the guns will boom.

Wherever he finds the Spaniards in fortifications Watson will smash them. This will not permit the bombardment of cities, but it means aggressive operations against the defenses of Cuba. To do this work Watson has with him the monitors Cincinnati and Marblehead, the gunboats Nashville, Helena, Maubinas, Castin and a large contingent of the mosquito fleet. The commodore will have no trouble in making things warm for the Spaniards under his new and liberal instructions.

And, to add to the liveliness of the West Indian situation, Commodore Schley will be there today with the flying squadron. What part he will play depends upon the movements of the Spanish fleet. While Sampson tries to bring about a meeting with Cervera, the flying squadron will be held in reserve a day or two, ready to go in any direction necessary to intercept the Spanish fleet if it dodges the fighting squadron.

New Policy Now in Effect.

A new policy at Washington goes into force this week. It is the policy of strike hard. "Use your discretion" enters into the orders more largely than has hitherto been the case. Events are to come thick and fast. There will not be time for commanders to wait for specific instructions. The President feels that there is no time to spare. He is pushing the campaign as energetically as the most belligerent could wish.

Expectations of a great naval engagement are not as strong as they were two or three days ago. When the Spanish fleet made its appearance off Martinique, its presence was supposed to mean a fair fight. Admiral Cervera's movements

To Raise Spanish Ships.

WASHINGTON, May 17.--The suppressed part of Admiral Dewey's Sunday message to the navy department is said on good authority to have advised an effort to raise some of the sunken Spanish vessels at Manila. The admiral reported that he had already saved about one-half of the large guns of the Spanish fleet, and he expressed the opinion that several of the ships could be saved. The navy department has made a prompt response by ordering Naval Constructor Capps to go

since have prompted the belief that the Spanish policy is one of adroit strategy rather than hard hitting. This government is now looking for surprises rather than a battle.

Admiral Sampson has been turned loose to force a fight out of the Spanish fleet if he can. He has been given much latitude. He will communicate with Washington as often as he can and he will be furnished with all of the information that reaches here about Admiral Cervera. But he will not be obliged to wait for orders from Washington. He will tell Washington so nearly as he can where he is going and he will go without waiting for any reply.

Cervera's fleet is somewhere north of Curacao. Auxiliary cruisers are scouting in the waters between Curacao and Jamaica, ready at the first approach of the Spanish fleet to turn and run at full speed toward the fighting squadron with the news.

America's Third Fleet.

The Oregon, the Marietta and the Buffalo, on the way up the South American coast, have been heard from again. They know of the presence of the Spanish fleet in the Caribbean and may reach the north coast of South America in time to take part in the operations. Two auxiliary cruisers are as far south as Martinique. The cruiser Montgomery is said to have left the fighting squadron and to have gone southward. These latest movements seem to look to the formation of a fourth squadron in West Indian waters, with the Oregon, the Marietta and the Buffalo as soon as they leave the South American coast and start for Barbadoes.

With the flying squadron watching the passages, the fighting squadron hunting him in the Caribbean, the Oregon and her odd collection of war ships between him and the Atlantic, the Spanish admiral may find his policy of evasion a difficult one to maintain. Meantime the operations against Cuba by the blockading squadron go on. The Oregon should be to the eastward of the Caribbean in two or three days more of steaming.

Loyalty in London.

LONDON, May 17.--The American cable companies of this city have issued instructions to agents to refuse to transmit any Spanish government messages. No person in Norway may spend more than three pence at one visit to a public house.

THE SOLDIERS ARE COMING.

Sixth Illinois Regiment Will Pass Through Decatur This Evening Over the Wabash.

SPRINGFIELD, May 17.--(Special to Republican.)--The Sixth Illinois Volunteers, in Command of Col. D. Jack Foster, will leave Camp Tanner this evening bound for Washington City, via Decatur and Delphi, Ind. The regiment will travel over the Wabash railroad in three special trains and will pass through Decatur some time this evening between 6 and 9 o'clock. They will be given a big send off by the citizens of Springfield.

VOLUNTEERS IN CAMP.

Now 7000 Soldiers at the Historical Chickamauga Battlefield.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 17.--mained in the cars in the city all night, Today is one of the busiest in the history of Chickamauga Park. A number of the 31st Michigan Infantry arrived at 7 o'clock this morning and were transferred to the park at about noon. The work of equipping the volunteers is keeping the ordnance officers busier than they have probably ever been before. Several special trains with arms and equipment are en route. By tonight there will be seven thousand men encamped at the park.

TROOPS TO CUBA AND MANILA

Colored Regiment of Immunes for Invasion--Regulars for the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, May 17.--Of the 10 regiments of yellow fever immunes, to be enlisted, the war department has decided to accept several regiments of negroes who, in addition to being immune, are thought to be better fitted to stand the climate of Cuba than white men.

Regulars Preferred.

WASHINGTON, May 17.--Col. R. P. Hughes, inspector general, with headquarters in New York, was at the Department today on a mission from General

Not Under Torture.

WASHINGTON, May 17.--The British embassy was requested recently to secure information concerning the Porto Rican correspondent of the New York Herald, named Hallstead, a British subject, who was said to be undergoing torture at San Juan. On inquiry of the London foreign office the embassy is informed that Hallstead was convicted of making photographs of the Porto Rican forts, and was sentenced to nine years imprisonment. The reports of torture are denied.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER, NEW YORK.

Doc Skin Driving or Bicycle Gauntlets,
Tan, Mode, Green and Black—worth 75c a pair—
45c.

Printed Swiss Muslin--
30 inches wide, beautiful floral designs—many new colors, worth 18c yd.,
10c.

Apron Gingham--
Great assortment of neat checks—Blue, Brown, Green and Red, worth 5c yd.,
2½c.

CALICO, Superior Quality--
A special purchase—hundreds of new spring and summer designs, worth 6c yd.,
2½c.

Bayadere Grenadine--
Imported Novelty wash fabric, 44 inches wide, white and colors—worth \$1.00 yd.,
75c.

36-inch Bleached Muslin--
worth 6½c yd.,
4c.
36-in. Unbleached Muslin,
worth 6c yd.,
3½c.

DRESS GOODS.

Fine Dress Goods have never been so low priced. Clearance sale here this week—money saving easy.

Lacy Mixtures, Checks and Small plaids most of them all wool, late color combinations—was cheap at the old price of 35c yard.
This week, yard **25c.**

Wool Albatross Cloth in White, Light Blue, Pink, Nile and Dove—Red 50c goods. This week, per yard **39c.**

Imported Brilliant in two shades of Navy and Gray, a late idea in Wool Goods for Summer Dresses—very serviceable and handsome. Good value at 75c yard.
This week, per yard **60c.**

Lacy Checks, 48 inches wide—new combinations of Green and Tan, especially suitable for separate skirts and Misses' dresses—extra serviceable, worth \$1.00 yd.
This week, yard **69c.**

BLACK GOODS—Figured Mohair and All Wool Fabrics, pretty designs in medium and small effects—worth 50 cents a yard.
This week, yard **39c.**

PLAID PARASOLS.

If you want to be right in vogue and up to the latest Parisian fashion, you must carry a Plaid parasol. We've about 50 that are covered with Bright Taffeta Silk of various hues. The frames are full Paragon and the choice of a dozen or so different curved Natural Handles is optional with you. Price is small, too—only **\$2.00**



Men's Underwear
Just inside the Main Entrance. Men's plain Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers—Cream and Blue, full shaped, strongly and correctly made, French collarette, pearl buttons, all sizes real 35c goods **24c.**

Men's Fine Egyptian Combed Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, French Collarettes, self fronts, pearl buttons, exceptional value **49c.**

JUNE DELIEATOR

—AT THE—
PATTERN COUNTER.

LENN AND SCRUGGS

DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Butterick's Patterns

---AT THE---
PATTERN COUNTER.

THE ANNUAL MAY SALE.

Began Monday morning at 8 o'clock with all the features that make a sale of this character successful. To folks who understand the nature of this yearly event only a mere announcement is necessary. To others we will say that it is without any doubt the greatest money-saving opportunity of the season. Some of its features are—

THE ANNUAL MAY SALE OF UNDER MUSLINS.

THE ANNUAL MAY SALE OF CARPETS, CURTAINS AND WALL PAPER.

THE ANNUAL MAY CLEARANCE SALE OF JACKETS, CAPES AND SUITS.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MAY SALE OF HOUSEFURNISHINGS, AND

An Extra Bargain Sale of Fresh, New Summer Goods in Eighteen other Mammoth Departments.

MAIL ORDERS WILL BE FILLED FOR THESE GOODS AT ADVERTISED PRICES.

Annual May Sale.

Highest Class Muslin Underwear.

Annual May Sale.

Few women indulge in the home manufacture of their Undermuslins nowadays and none need to. This annual May effort is positively without a peer or parallel—by far outclassing any similar sale elsewhere.

NIGHT GOWNS.

Good Muslin—yoke style—embroidery trimmed—worth 75c—for 49c.

Fine Muslin—embroidery trimmed—tucked yoke, with embroidery bands—worth \$1—for 69c.

Extra Fine Muslin—Empire style—ruffles, lace and embroidery trimmings—run with ribbon—worth \$1.50—for 98c.

Fine French Cambric—Marguerite style—embroidery trimmed—edged with beading—run with ribbon—worth \$3—for \$1.50.

DRAWERS.

Good Muslin—deep hem—cluster of tucks—worth 25c—for 19c.

Fine Quality Cambric—Umbrella style—worth 50c—for 25c.

Extra Fine Cambric—embroidery trimmed—five rows of tucks—inserting bands—worth 75c—for 49c.

Handsome Cambric—Umbrella style—hemstitched—worth \$1.25—for 79c.

CORSET COVERS.

Good Cambric—embroidery trimmed—worth 12c—for 11c.

Good Cambric—lace and embroidery trimmed—V or round neck—worth 25c—for 25c.

Fine Cambric and Long Cloth—lace and embroidery trimmed—V, round, square, or Gretchen neck—worth \$1.25—for 49c.

CHEMISE.

Good Muslin—made plain—worth 25c—for 19c.

SKIRT CHEMISE.

Cambric—trimmed with Hamburg edging—Marguerite yoke, extra long and wide—worth 85c—for 49c.



CHILDREN'S GOODS.

Drawers. 1 to 2 years—8c 4 to 8 years—10c. 7 to 10 years—12 1-2c.

Good Muslin—Mother Hubbard style—1 to 10 years—worth 50c at 39c.

Fine French Cambric—Bishop style—Hamburg edging and beading trimmed—run with ribbon—worth \$1—at 75c.

Skirts. Cambric—Umbrella Style—Cluster of tucks—worth 75c for 58c.

Fine Cambric—Umbrella style—embroidery flounce—extra wide—worth \$1.00 for 75c.

Fine Cambric—Umbrella Style—lace flounce—two rows of inserting—extra wide, worth \$1.00 for \$1.00.

WALKING SKIRTS.

Good Muslin, with deep flounce, worth 40c, for 25c.

Fine Muslin, deep hem, cluster of tucks, extra wide, worth 85c, for 49c.

Extra Fine Cambric—Umbrella Style—embroidery flounce—worth \$1.00 for 75c.

Extra Fine Cambric—Umbrella Style—deep lace flounce—cambric dust aufluff—three inserting bands—worth \$2.00 for \$1.50.

SHORT SKIRTS.

Good Cambric—Umbrella flounce—deep hem—cluster of tucks—worth 75c—for 49c.

SPRING SILKS.

Silk counter sure to be crowded this week—here's some price reasons:

Plain Taffeta Silk all the correct colors including the scarce shades of Cerise and Turquoise, real 75c goods. This week, yd **59c.**

Black India Silk, large collection of designs, very desirable for either waists or entire costumes—very serviceable and actually worth \$1 yd. This week yd **69c.**

Fancy Striped Silks for Waists—great variety of fashionable color effects—actually splendid value at \$1.00 yard. This week, yard **79c.**

Fancy Silks for Waists—New French Plaids and Block Checks—very Paddish worth \$1.25 yd. This week, yard **1.00.**



SHIRT WAISTS

The weather has been a trifle backward but the Shirt Waist selling has gone on just the same. Bright, warm days are sure to come and now is a good time to prepare for them.

One Hundred Dozen Wash Waists in a galaxy of bright summery colors with self collars and cuffs that are really Dollar and a quarter values are our leader at **95c.**



TABLE CLOTHS.

Fine Bleached Fringed Cloth much reduced in price.

8 4 size, worth \$1.00 for 69c.

10 4 size, worth \$1.15 for 79c.

12 4 size, worth \$1.25 for 89c.

72 inch Cream Table Damask, worth 60c yd, at 39c.

60 inch Turkey Red Table Damask worth 35c yard at 22c.

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May Sale.

ES will demonstrate to the shrewdest
EST, BUSIEST, BEST.

FURNITURE Department.

There will be a Special Sale this week of Fine Furniture, Couches, Iron Beds, Old Dressers, Sideboards and Rocking Chairs.

Decorated INSURANCE Gasoline Stove: the stove cannot clog up, that cannot get out of order.



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Be sure and see us before buying. We have had an experience of thirty-three years.

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ARMY TO MOVE IN A WEEK

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Delegates from two large church conventions waited on the president yesterday afternoon, called his attention to the reports of starving reconcentrados, and begged him to do something in their behalf. Reports from Cuba are that the food left there for these starving people is taken forcibly from them by the Spanish soldiers. As Captain Dorst reported the same thing a week ago, it is probably only too true. The president assured the delegations that the army would move within a week, whether the Spanish cruelties were captured or not.

In the House of Commons.

LONDON, May 17.—The speech of Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, at Birmingham on Friday last, is still the sensation of the day, and was introduced in the house of commons last evening.

During a question as to the date for the discussion of the foreign office vote the liberal leader in the house, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, said the country desired "to discuss the new Birmingham foreign policy." The remark aroused tremendous cheering, intermixed with ministerial "Ohs."

Michael Davitt, member for South Mayo, having read an extract from Chamberlain's speech, in which the latter depreciated the value of Russian promises, asked the colonial secretary if he thought such language and sentiments were consistent with the friendly relations between the two countries, but the speaker refused to allow the question to be put.

Russian Expression.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—The Novoye Vremya, commenting upon the recent speech at Birmingham of Joseph Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for the colonies, says:

"We doubt if the United States desires an alliance with Great Britain and question whether it would be agreeable to the other powers that the United States, after wresting the Philippine Islands from Spain, should afterward sell them to Great Britain."

The Novoye Vremya goes on to say that the display of such an intention would be "sufficient to induce the powers to reconsider their neutrality during the present war."

Spanish Army Plans.

MADRID, May 17.—The military and naval preparations for the relief expedition to the Philippine Islands are advancing. Five battalions, each 1200 strong, with 88 officers, will assemble at Barcelona, Cadix and Valencia for embarkation this week, under General Camprobi. All are picked men, having served two years. Several batteries will go with the expedition and a large supply of stores and coal. Warships will convey the transports from Cadix to Barcelona.

REVENUE CUTTER

And Mark Hanna's Yacht Going Into Government Service.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., May 17.—The revenue cutter Grebe, out in two, is postponed for passage through the Canadian canals on her way to sea to go into naval service. This morning, owing to some miscalculation, the bow section, 45 feet long, suddenly overboard and forced the pontoon under water, and sank to the bottom in 15 feet of water.

Mark Hanna's yacht Comanche is passing down the St. Lawrence canal on its way to New York, to be turned over to the government.

Solar Gas Lamps. Decatur Gun Co.

Death of J. F. Delbridge.

John F. Delbridge died at 8 p. m., May 16, at his home one mile south of Boody, aged 71 years. He had been a resident of Illinois for 54 years. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the German M. E. church at Boody. The deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. Anna Wise; four step-children, Mrs. Minnie Weigand, Mrs. Louise Eckhardt, Mrs. Emma Wise and Harry Afterholt; two grandsons, Everett C. Wise and Arville F. Wise. Rev. Slater O'Neil officiate. There are relatives of the deceased in Decatur.

Fishing Tackle. Decatur Gun Co.

Damage Suit.

The \$10,000 damage suit of Miss Anna Irish against the Visitation convent at St. Louis, is now on trial. Miss Irish asks for damages for permanent injuries sustained by falling down an open elevator shaft at the convent.

BLOW AT EX-MINISTER POLO.

His Stay in Canada Gives Rise to Significant Comment.

TORONTO, ONT., May 17.—The Globe (government organ), commenting editorially on the stay of Senor Polo y Bernabe in Canada, says:

"With Canada's limited diplomatic experience, there is a feeling of hesitation about pronouncing a positive opinion as to the propriety of the continued stay of the ex-minister in Canada. But some light may be thrown on the question by asking what would have been thought in Spain and throughout Europe if the American minister to Spain, after receiving his passports, had remained in Portugal instead of coming home. The proceeding would have occasioned a good deal of comment and inquiry, and probably a demand for explanation."

"What are the ex-minister and his staff doing here is a very natural question to ask, and they can hardly complain if the commonly accepted view is that they must be here for the purpose of obtaining information that may be of use to Spain."

The Globe article concludes as follows: "It is certainly not a time at which an important official of the Spanish government would be making a holiday. The suicide of Downing and the evidence that he had been in communication with a member of Senor Polo's party in Toronto are circumstances that enhance the gravity of the situation."

"It is possible that some of the stories are exaggerated, but it must be apparent to our Spanish visitors that there is no effective means of setting such stories at rest so long as they remain in this country. We do not want to be lacking in courtesy, but we do not desire that this country shall fall in its obligation to be neutral."

The Army Chiefs.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—In a general order issued at the war department on the assignments to the different corps and other important commands are announced as follows:

Major General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., the department of the Pacific.

Major General John R. Brooke, U. S. A., the first corps and the department of the Gulf.

Major General William M. Graham, U. S. volunteers, the second corps, with headquarters at Falls Church, Virginia.

Major General James F. Wade, U. S. volunteers, the third corps, reporting to Major General Brooke, Chickamauga.

Major General John J. Coppinger, U. S. volunteers, the fourth corps, Mobile, Ala.

Major General William R. Shafter, U. S. volunteers, the fifth corps, Tampa, Fla.

Major General Elwell S. Otis, U. S. volunteers, to report to Major General Merritt, U. S. A., for duty with the troops in the department of the Pacific.

Major General James H. Wilson, U. S. volunteers, the sixth corps, Chickamauga, reporting to Major General Brooke.

Major General Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. volunteers, the seventh corps, Tampa, Fla.

Major General Joseph H. Wheeler, U. S. volunteers, the cavalry division, Tampa, Fla.

Not Afraid.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senator Gray and other influential men have made strong protests against the cruiser Columbus and other fine warships being kept on the New England coast when the enemy's ships are in southern waters. Senator Gray had business with the president and called his attention to the matter.

"It is stated that these ships are kept on the New England coast to allay apprehension," said Senator Gray. "Well, that is all foolishness. Here these ships are kept on this coast when there is not a particle of danger, while the Spanish squadron is not far from southern shores."

"I do not believe anybody has an idea that the Spanish fleet would attempt to sail 2000 or 4000 miles from its present position to attack the New England coast, and he without a base of supplies when it got there. While our ships remain on the New England coast the southern coast, much nearer to the Spaniards, is unprotected. So is the coast of the middle Atlantic states. Our ships should be with one or the other squadrons."

It is said that several New England senators take the same ground as Senator Gray.

Lufter mistakes were first made nearly 70 years ago.

STATE S. S. WORKERS.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention in Session at the Edward Street Church.

DELEGATES FROM 754 CHURCHES

And 648 Schools--Over 200 Visitors to Remain in Decatur Three Days--All are More Than Welcome to the Convention City--Meetings are Open to Everybody.

The 24th annual convention of the Illinois State Sunday School Association assembled at the Edward Street Christian church today. The first session of the convention was opened at 9:30 o'clock this afternoon. Owing to the central location of Decatur this is expected to be one of the largest conventions yet held, in point of numbers in attendance and fully 250 delegates are expected to be present tomorrow. The delegates arrived on all trains coming into the city this morning and at least two-thirds of the number expected were present this afternoon. The Sunday schools of the state were represented today by delegates from Rantoul, Fisher, El Paso, Danville, Peoria, Jacksonville, Taylorville, Springfield, Macon, Niantic, Harriestown, Dixon, Eureka, Chicago, St. Louis, Winchester, Pittsfield, Genard, Carlinville and other points.

The members of the Edward street church will be assisted in entertaining the delegates by members of the various churches of the city. The Grace M. E., First M. E., First Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, Congregational, United Brethren, English Lutheran, Church of God and First Baptist churches will entertain a number of the delegates. Lodging and breakfast will be furnished and the delegates will get luncheon and dinner at the hotels and restaurants.

The delegates report at the church immediately upon their arrival in the city. They are met at the trains by a reception committee composed of Messrs. George W. Jones and T. J. McReynolds.

The present officers of the association are: President, J. P. McKnight of Peoria; vice president, W. R. Corrier of Lawrenceville; recording secretary, Rev. Marion Stevenson of Decatur; corresponding and secretary and treasurer, S. S. Jones of Danville.

OPENING SESSION.

The opening session this afternoon was short and consisted mostly of the preliminary work of the convention. The convention was opened by brief remarks by the president, J. P. McKnight of Peoria, which were followed by devotional exercises led by Knox P. Taylor of Bloomington, state secretary of the association. The song service was conducted by H. P. Hayden of Eureka.

An open parliament was held at which the question, "What Are We Here For," was discussed by members of the convention. The purpose of the meeting, the benefit expected to be derived from it, the work as it should be carried out and what each one expected to give in experience and suggestion to the success of the convention was discussed in the conference.

THE COMMITTEES.

The appointment of the committees which closed the afternoon session was made as follows:

Stores for the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—For the Philippine expedition the war department is laying in a store of supplies which will, if necessary, keep the army of 12,000 men for a period of six months. For this purpose 3,160,000 rations are being accumulated by the commissary department at San Francisco for shipment from time to time to Manila. A ration will last a soldier for one day's food supply.

A large consignment will be taken out on the City of Pekin, which is to sail the latter part of the week and which has been delayed in its departure because of many alterations that were necessary to accommodate the supplies. Enough beef on the hoof will be taken to supply the 12,000 men who go aboard her for 10 or 12 days, and for the remainder of the trip bacon will be the meat diet. Lieutenant Sidney A. Cloman has been appointed commissary and will accompany the expedition.

The quartermaster's department has supplies of equipment, uniforms, etc., at San Francisco for 60,000 men, and additional supplies will be purchased as they are needed. Canvas as well as woolen uniforms will be taken for the comfort of the men.

Order of Business Committee—W. W. Woodson, chairman; C. H. Metcalf, E. D. Barnes.

Enrollment Committee—J. F. Stivers, chairman, J. W. Kilburn, Charles Wright. Press Committee—George L. Peters, chairman, E. K. Hartley, E. C. Stark, H. H. Peters.

Nominating Committee—J. Fred Jones, chairman, S. S. Lappen, S. S. Jones. Resolutions Committee—S. A. Ennifer, chairman, E. A. Gilliland, John Lemon. The auditing committee and the committee on future work will be appointed in addition to the program for this evening there will be song service by a quartette composed of Mrs. Howard, Miss Beatrice Howard and Messrs Wilbur Starling and Arthur Keith. Miss Howard will also sing a solo. Mrs. J. E. Atterton will preside at the organ.

THE PROGRAM.

MAY 17.—AFTERNOON.

8:30. "What Are We Here For?"—F. W. Burnham, Charleston.

8:30. Appointment of Committees.

EVENING.

7:30. Song and Praise Service.

7:45. Address—"Sunday School Salt,"—S. H. Zandt, Dixon.

8:30. Address—George L. Snively, Jacksonville.

MAY 18.—MORNING.

8:45. Praise Service.

9:00. Address—B. S. Ferrall, Watseka.

9:30. "The Teacher's Literature"—L. E. Newcomer, Macon.

9:45. "Sunday School Music"—W. D. Dovesse, Kankakee.

10:00. "Missions in the Sunday School"—K. C. Ventres, La Harp.

10:15. General Discussion.

10:30. President's Address—J. P. McKnight, Peoria.

11:15. Report of Board.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent.

Business.

AFTERNOON.

3:00. Devotional.

3:15. "Bible Study as an Inspiration to all Christian Enterprises"—L. W. Morgan, Atlanta.

3:45. "Searching the bible vs. Talking About the Bible"—M. Menges, Stanford.

3:00. "Latent Forces in Our Sunday School"—J. I. Gunn, Marshall.

3:15. Parliament.

Sunday School Experiences.

Primary—Miss Mildred Campbell, Bloomington.

Intermediate—C. B. Dabney, Mt. Pleasant.

Senior—C. E. Evans, Chisman.

EVENING.

7:15. Song Service.

8:15. "The Sunday School as a Factor in Christian Citizenship"—O. W. Stewart, Chicago.

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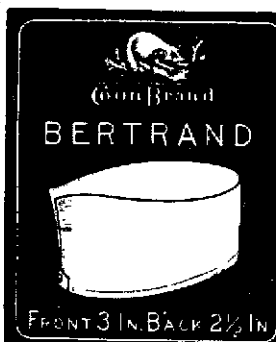
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BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE. Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES," Kingsfisher, Okla., Dec. 12, '96.

GERALD—I believe it my duty to write a line in regard to the beneficial effect of Phelps' "Four-C Remedy." I have suffered from a severe attack of "Four-C" for a week ago last Thursday, and I am now feeling better than I have for some time. I could hardly get to bed, and I was in a short time as bad as I have ever been. I could hardly get to bed, and I was in a short time as bad as I have ever been. I could hardly get to bed, and I was in a short time as bad as I have ever been.

A MIRACLE. Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '91. Last Friday, Dec. 19, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four-C" Remedy, and I was better by morning. The first dose relieved my cough, and the second dose relieved my chest. I was up by the third day and was up by the fourth day. I was up by the fourth day and was up by the fourth day.

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WASHINGTON CITY

Eighty Thousand Volunteers--Pay Begins Enrollment

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The house adopted the report of the elections committee in favor of seating J. S. Rhea, the sitting member from the 9th Kentucky district. The contestant, Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, is now minister to Guatemala. Eighty thousand volunteers have now been mustered in.

In the senate a resolution was adopted confirming the temporary appointment to the line and staff of the navy by the president since April 28, the same to continue in force during the emergency under which their services are required in the existing war. The bill passed to pay the allowance of the volunteers to begin on the day of their enrollment at the state camps. These going to the Philippines are to be allowed to advance.

GLADSTONE IS WORSE

LONDON, May 17.—Henry Gladstone took a special train to Hawarden this afternoon on receipt of intelligence that his father is sinking rapidly.

HAYWARDEN, May 17.—When offered medicine this afternoon, Mr. Gladstone said: "No, no." Apart from this he has seldom spoken, except to commence a prayer. He is practically unconscious.

Suspicious of Treachery.

KEY WEST, May 17.—There is much suspicion at the failure to land any of the arms, ammunition and food stores last Friday and Saturday from the Gustie. The Cubans are especially exasperated. Their compatriots had been promised these arms, and military and food stores. Every attempt was made to hand them. Captain Dorst telegraphs General Miles that from the first each movement the Americans undertook to make appeared to be anticipated. Even the exact places selected where landings were to be made were known. In this is the mystery, for only Captain Dorst, the Gustie's commander and a very few of the Cuban chiefs had this knowledge.

That a leak has occurred appears to be the only way of accounting for the mishap, but how or by what means cannot even be conjectured. If the coincidence of Spain's soldiers being at both points selected for landings is not a lucky Spanish guess and there has really been a disclosure, the leak is likely to be a most dangerous one. No treachery is charged, but a good deal of thinking is being done. Captain Dorst will wait and watch. So will the Cubans. If there has been any foul play Tampa will be a mighty unwholesome place for the guilty ones if they ever come into Cuban view.

John Cox, Ohio's grocer, injured in a day, was able very badly to remarkably.

BAITIMORE. Warren A. C. Rev. Dr. H. Tenn. have Methodist Ch. conference.

Will of William Bradley. Probated in the County Court--Estate Valued at \$14,000.

The will of the late William Bradley was admitted to probate by Judge Hamner today in the county court. The estate consists of 900 acres of land in Macon about \$1000 in cash and bills receivable, all estimated to be worth about \$14,000. The son of the testator, John J. Bradley, is named as sole executor and gave bond in the sum of \$3500. The rectors of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic church of Macon, St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of Huntsville Alabama, and St. Benedict's Catholic church of Achaion, Kan., \$250 each is bequeathed, the priests in consideration of the bequest to say masses for the repose of the souls of the testator and his late wife, Mary Bradley To Father Frank Alleywishes, a nephew, \$250 is bequeathed for the same purpose. The rest of the estate is left to the daughter, Ellen Tomlinson, and the two sons, John J. and William Bradley.

Walked from Forsyth. E. H. Jeffers, the real estate dealer, took a constitutional of more than ordinary length this morning. He expected a man in from Forsyth on the early train and after waiting a reasonable length of time for him concluded that he had not come and Mr. Jeffers took the next train for Forsyth. On his arrival at this little burg he was informed that his man was in Decatur and rather than wait until a train this afternoon Mr. Jeffers walked back to Decatur, reaching his office at 11 o'clock.

Commencement at Philo. The public schools of Philo closed yesterday.

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War News...

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We try in every way to follow this teaching. We never misrepresent anything, and while we often offer exceptional values the offer is always genuine and the goods are genuinely as represented. It is our study every day how to get you the most for your money in shoe leather. Note a few of our offerings today.

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WEATHER.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Illinois. Warmer in the central northern portions; showers in the west tonight; Wednesday showers, easterly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Keddick & Knecht. —16-dtf
Denz—the Leading Tailor.—apr6-dtf
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koeb.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf
Smoke the Little J. 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

The French club met with Miss Lillian Orea of West Macon street this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 538, new 'phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oram.—5-dtf

Thomas Hankins has been appointed postmaster at Cadwell, Monticello county, in place of L. E. Powell, resigned.

Tonight is the regular meeting of the Cheveller Bayard lodge K. of P. at their hall at the northeast corner of Main and William street.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wtf.

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar.
Regular meeting of Day Leaf Camp, No. 29, this evening in the K. of P. hall in the Powers block. Meeting will be called to order at 7:30 sharp.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema or other torturing skin diseases. No need of it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Duffee Feb 9-dtf

Open during the day and evening—Spencer and Lehman Carriage Repository, at the corner of Main and Wood streets. They have some open and canopy top traps that are beauties and a full line of fine and medium grade surreys, buggies, road wagons, etc. These are honest goods at honest prices.—23-d&wtf

For several days past trainloads of big timbers have been passing through the city on the way to the east. The timbers come from the northern forests. They are about 100 feet long and two feet square and not more than three or four of them are loaded on two flat cars. They are taken east for shipbuilding purposes.

REV. VOSSBURG WILL LECTURE

At the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, May 24.

Rev. George R. Vossburg, Ph. D. D. will deliver a lecture entitled, "A Journey Through the Holy Land on Horseback," Tuesday evening, May 24, at the First Baptist church. The general admission is 35 cents adults; children under 15 years 15 cents. Reserved seats 25 cents extra for adults and for children under 15 accompanied by their parents 10 cents extra. Rev. Vossburg is well known here as a former pastor of the Baptist church and his lecture will be both instructive and entertaining to old and young alike. The lecture is given for the benefit of the church. Tickets are on sale at Saxton's book store. Plat of seats open three days in advance. Members of the Ladies' Aid society of the church will also have tickets for sale.—14-dtf

Returned to Orphans' Home.
The two year old child which was taken from the Orphans' Home at Chicago some time ago by Rev. and Mrs. Spayd will be returned to the home this week. The child is a bright and beautiful little girl and Rev. and Mrs. Spayd have become much attached to her and are very loathe to give her up, but she has unfortunately developed a disease of the eyes which is fast resulting in total blindness and she will be returned to the home and educated at an asylum for the blind. Rev. Spayd will take a child from the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal.

Will Meet at Denver.
The 4th annual meeting of the American Medical association will be held at Denver, Col., from the 7th to the 18th of June. There will be a special train from Chicago with the full fare to Denver and return at \$1.50. Decatur will very likely be represented by one or two physicians.

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CONVENTION AT LATHAM.

Large Numbers in Attendance—To-Day's Session.

A large number of delegates passed through Decatur yesterday afternoon en route to the Epworth League convention which is in session at Latham. The first session was held yesterday afternoon. The session of today opened this morning at 8 o'clock with heart and lip service, led by Rev. T. N. Ewing of Arthur. At 9:30 Rev. E. D. Randle of this city delivered an address on "The League Obligations to the Church Benevolences" and at 10:30 Mrs. W. F. Gilmore gave a talk on "Junior League and Bible Study." At the afternoon session Rev. Frost Craft delivered an address on the subject of "The Power and Peril of Social Influence." The lip and life service of the afternoon was led by Rev. Arthur Wells of Asbury and Wesley churches. The principal address of the evening session will be made by Rev. M. H. Ewers, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. The convention closes this evening. Delegates who took the afternoon train from Decatur for Latham yesterday were Rev. E. B. Randle, Rev. J. W. Eklman of Arcola, Rev. C. P. Ford, Rev. J. Glick, Rev. J. W. Waltz, Rev. A. L. Plowman, Rev. T. N. Ewing, Rev. E. J. Durham, Rev. Arthur Wells, Rev. J. G. Jeffers, Rev. J. W. Crane, Mrs. Hason, Mrs. Olive Donas of Assumption, Mrs. Frankie Ruff, Jessie Whitaker, Mrs. Elsie Anderson, Misses Ida Higgins, Lizzie Small, Clara Hight, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Augustine, T. W. Ewing and many others from Cerro Gordo, Arcola, Arthur and Stonington.

JOHN A. REEVE INJURED.

The City Clerk Confined to His Home With a Lame Leg.

City Clerk John A. Reeve met with a painful accident yesterday. He was riding on the West Main street car going to his home. At Hawthorn avenue he stepped off the car to go to walk over to his residence on West Macon street. The car was an open one with a high platform. It had not entirely stopped when Mr. Reeve started to get off and the step was much higher from the ground than he expected. As he stepped off he was thrown a distance of about 15 feet and his left leg about the knee was badly sprained. Mr. Reeve was unable to walk and he was taken in the street car to the drug store at the corner of West Main street and Oakland avenue and from there was assisted to his home. He will probably be confined to his house for some time on account of the accident.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. W. R. Keely of Dwight is in the city visiting Mrs. W. T. Wells.

—Henry Roberts was in Mattoon to play for an entertainment last night.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Close of San Jose, Cal., will arrive in the city this week.

—Miss Grace Peterson has returned from a visit with friends at Kansas City.

—Mrs. T. S. Hoskins is in Springfield to visit her daughter, Mrs. Peter Vredenberg.

—Mrs. O. Z. Greene and daughter, Miss Clara, are the guests of Chicago friends.

—O. E. Akers has returned to Chicago after a business visit of several days in Decatur.

—Mrs. Emma Harrington of Chicago spent Sunday with the family of Captain S. McGowan.

—Miss Kate Hoffman of Circleville, Ohio, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Dawson of West Eldorado street.

—Mrs. George Brown of South Colfax street left today for a visit with her parents in Boston. She will be gone several weeks.

—Engineer Jack Gill of the Vandalia is in St. Louis attending a convention of the B. of L. E., which is in session in that city.

—Dr. J. H. Baldwin, who has been the guest of his brother, Attorney J. S. Baldwin, returned to his home at New Albany, Ind., today.

—Dr. W. H. Penhallegon returned this afternoon from Philo, where he delivered an address at the High school commencement exercises last evening.

—Mrs. R. Lederer and son Rudolph of Bloomington, have returned to their home, after a visit with Mrs. Lederer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Remley.

Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Randall entertained a party of 30 last evening at 7 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Lydia Toland McKee of California. Cards followed.

—Rev. Thomas Ewing of Arthur was the guest of his brother, Attorney Frank Ewing, yesterday and last evening and left this morning to attend the Epworth League convention at Latham.

About 40 candidates will be initiated into Bay Leaf camp lodge this evening and the members are preparing for a good time judging from the refreshments which are being stowed away in the lodge rooms today.

—Samuel M. Stralley of Hays City, Kan., is in the city visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. George W. Lyon at 755 North College street. Mr. Stralley will remain here several months. He was formerly in business in Decatur.

DIVORCE CASES

Two Were Granted by Judge Vail To-Day.

JURY HAS BEEN SECURED

To Hear the Abel Divorce Case—Mrs. Abel on the Stand This Morning—Amendment to the Bill.

The attention of Judge Vail in the circuit court is now being taken up with the hearing of divorce cases. This morning two divorces were granted. The case of Claudia T. Abel vs. Louis Abel is being tried by a jury. The jurors were all secured this morning and are as follows: George White, D. E. Baldwin, Henry Haub, Thomas Hamilton, C. L. Jones, Charles O'Bannon, S. Sheneman, Thomas Wassenberger, F. B. Roby, A. Bachman, Ed. Kellington, D. J. Cloyd.

Mrs. Abel asks for a divorce on the grounds of repeated cruelty. Mills Brothers appear for her and Attorney C. C. Le-forgue appears for Mr. Abel. The first witness was Mrs. Abel and she was on the stand this forenoon. Mr. Mills asked the witness questions in regard to the general conduct of her husband and Mr. Le-forgue objected. The judge stated that the testimony must be confined only to particular times mentioned in the bill and Mr. Mills asked leave to amend the bill, and asked for time to make the amendments so the case was postponed until afternoon when it was again taken up.

Before the noon adjournment Judge Vail granted two divorces, one to Pearl Dodwell and the other to Minnie Nelson. The entries on the court docket today were as follows:

CHANCERY CASES.

Abdiel T. Risley vs. John R. Dougherty et al; foreclosure. Leave to withdraw answer.

William H. Niokey vs. Rosalie A. Rosen et al; foreclosure. Order of reference set aside and leave to amend.

David E. Brooks vs. Albert L. Clark et al; foreclosure. Leave to amend instant and rule to answer by Saturday morning.

Stella H. Alexander vs. Arthur B. Alexander; divorce. Dismissed by complainant.

Harriet B. Moore vs. Silas F. Moore; divorce. Leave to withdraw original bill and file amended bill instant and rule to answer by tomorrow morning.

People's Savings and Loan Association vs. Karl Sterne et al; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred for computation.

People's Savings and Loan Association vs. John E. Baum et al; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred for computation.

Pearl Dodwell vs. Oliver Dodwell; divorce. Cause heard. Decree as prayed.

Equitable Loan and Investment Association vs. Richard H. Cater et al; foreclosure. Rule to answer by tomorrow morning.

Anna Walston vs. Robert L. Walston et al; partition. Default as to defendants not answering and referred as to proof and conclusion.

Minnie Nelson vs. William David Nelson; divorce. Cause heard and decree as prayed.

UNDER WILSON.

The Fifth Regiment is in the First Division, First Brigade, U. S. Volunteers

Orders issued at Chickamauga place Major General James H. Wilson of Delaware, in command of the 1st infantry division of the provisional army corps, to be composed of three brigades of four regiments each. Brigadier Generals A. S. Burt, C. E. Compton and H. W. Lawtin were assigned to command the brigades. The 5th Illinois, the 1st Ohio and the 3d Wisconsin have already been assigned to the command of Brigadier General Burt.

A telegram from Chickamauga Camp says: "The Illinois regiments owe it to the fortuitous circumstances of arrival about the same time that they will be in the same division. The plan of brigading regiments in the order in which they arrive has been adopted as the solution of all the vexed questions which would be sure to arise if a deliberate choice were exercised. The boys of the 5th Illinois are congratulating one another on being placed in General Andrew S. Burt's brigade. General Burt is the former commander of the United States 56th infantry, colored, who recently passed through Chicago on their way south and who are also remembered by the Chattanooga police. General Burt has the reputation of a ready fighter and an unvarnished soldier."

When Weak, Wary and Wasted from Kidney Diseases, why not try Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed medicine. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

EXTENDED A CALL.

St. John's Church Has Asked Rev. Ruffner to be Their Pastor.

The members of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church held a meeting last night and decided to extend a call to Rev. H. W. Ruffner, the minister who preached at the church Sunday morning by Rev. Ruffner is curate of Grace chapel New York city, and stopped in this city on his way to Quincy. At Springfield Mass. Thursday he will be ordained a priest.

Mr. Ruffner is an unmarried man and is quite young, but he is a brilliant young minister and has met with great success thus far in his work in the church. The members of the congregation were well pleased with him when he preached in this city Sunday and therefore the members of the vestry extended a call to him. The vote of the vestry to extend the call was unanimous. Mr. Ruffner has letters of recommendation of the highest order.

It will probably be several days before the call is answered, but it is believed that it is not unlikely that Mr. Ruffner will accept. St. John's church has been without a pastor for several months since Rev. Askin left but the pulpit has been filled by Rev. Bedford Jones, rector of All Angels' church.

ALUMNI RECEPTION.

The Tickets were Placed on Sale To-Day—Meeting Last Night.

The members of the finance committee of the High school alumni held a meeting last night at the home of Miss Bessie Lutz. The arrangements for the reception were discussed. It has not yet been positively decided where the reception will take place but it will probably be at the Guards' armory. The tickets were placed on sale today and can be secured from any of the members or officers of the society. The members will all be called upon to pay their annual dues of 25 cents. The tickets for the reception to members of the society will be 75 cents and to graduates 50 cents.

Nose Broken.

Miss Jennie Colver of Spring avenue was injured by being thrown from her bicycle while riding on North College street yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Miss Colver was riding north at a rapid rate and ran into a sand wagon which was being driven in the opposite direction by two men. She turned to the right to pass the team and expected the men would turn also, which they started to do but changed their minds and turned the team back into the street again by too late for Miss Colver to change her course and she ran into the side of the wagon still riding at full speed. She was thrown from her wheel and against the wheel of the wagon and her nose broken by the fall. She was also severely bruised about the body but fortunately no other bones were broken. Dr. Everett J. Brown dressed the wounded nose.

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Will Go to Kansas.

David Cameron, through the last agency of J. H. Rowland and F. B. Eberly, has traded his property in the northeast part of this city for a well improved farm of 160 acres in Linn county, Kansas about four miles from the Missouri line and 75 miles south of Kansas City, the consideration being \$8000. Mr. Cameron and family will move to their new home about the 1st of November. Mr. Cameron who now owns the Cameron property will greatly improve the same.

Paper by Dr. Wm. Catto.

Dr. Everett J. Brown and Dr. William Catto went to Galesburg this afternoon to attend the meeting of the Illinois State Medical society, which will be in session at that place today, tomorrow and Thursday. Dr. Catto will give a paper on the diseases of women. The doctors will return on Thursday evening.

No Entries Yet.

There are no entries yet for the Decoration Day road race of the Decatur Wheelmen's club. It is a little early and was the time for the race draws nearer there will probably be a large number of the wheelmen who will enter.

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Excursion to Champaign.

The Illinois Central road on account of the inter-scholastic contest at Champaign will offer a rate of one fare for the round trip from May 17 to 20 inclusive, tickets good returning until May 23.—14-9t



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